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SUBJECT: REACTIONS OF FRENCH OFFICIAL TO EC COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS' MEETING

1. BRUNET, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MFA, HAS GIVEN US
HIS REACTIONS TO DECISIONS ON MTN AND ARTICLE 24:6 TAKEN BY
EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AT ITS JULY 23-24 MEETINGS IN
BRUSSELS.

2. ON MTN BRUNET CANDIDLY ADMITTED THAT FRANCE HAD BEEN
DEFEATED BY THE UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION OF ITS PARTNERS IN
ITS EFFORTS TO GET THE EC TO ADOPT THE POSITION THAT THERE
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SHOULD BE NO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE DOLLAR HAD

RETURNED TO ITS FEBRUARY 12 PARITY, BRUNET SAID THAT FRANCE HAD HAD TO CONTENT ITSELF WITH THE INSERTION INTO THE RECORD OF A PASSAGE EXPRESSING THE DISSENTING VIEWS OF THE GOF. HOWEVER, FRANCE HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN A MINOR VICTORY WHEN THE COUNCIL AGREED TO STRENGTHEN THE LANGUAGE ON THE LINK BETWEEN THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE MONETARY SITUATION IN THE EC PROPOSALS FOR THE TOKYO DECLARATION BEING NEGOTIATED IN THE PREPCOM IN GENEVA.

3. ON ARTICLE 24:6 BRUNET SAID THAT A FINAL DECISION ON THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION THE EC WAS PREPARED TO OFFER THIRD COUNTRIES HAD NOT YET BEEN REACHED. HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE COMMISSION HAD TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE EC OWED NOTHING ON GRAINS. AS FOR COMPENSATION ON OTHER ITEMS, HE SOUNDED THE FIRST ENCOURAGING NOTE WE HAVE HEARD FROM A FRENCH OFFICIAL ON THIS SUBJECT, SAYING THAT THE GOF POSITION WAS NOT MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE POSITION HE HAD DESCRIBED IN OUR CONVERSATION OF JUNE 28(PARIS 17992). PUTTING IT MORE EXPLICITLY, HE SAID GOF WAS NOW PREPARED TO COUNTENANCE SOME IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S OFFER TO THE U.S., ALTHOUGH THE PRECISE DEGREE OF IMPROVEMENT HAD STILL TO BE WORKED OUT AMONG THE NINE.

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